

REMARKS

Telephone Interviews

Applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner, Mr. Daniel Sullivan, for granting two telephone interviews to Applicants' undersigned representative on October 1 and November 20, 2007.

In the October 1, 2007 interview, Applicants requested clarification of the statement on page 3 of the July 6, 2007 Office Action, i.e., "...Applicant's claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d) based upon an Application filed in Denmark on April 9, 1999 cannot be granted since the United States (PCT) Application was filed more than 12 months thereafter."

Applicants pointed out that this application No. 10/529,479 (the "Application"), in addition to being a U.S. national phase of PCT/DK2003/000634, is also a Continuation-in-part (CIP) of U.S. patent application 10/117,030, filed on April 8, 2002, which is a CIP of U. S. patent application 09/546,573, filed on April 10, 2000 (the " '573 application"). The '573 application claims priority to Denmark patent application number DK 1999 00476, filed April 9, 1999, the Denmark application at issue.

Thus, Applicants stated that the denial of the claim for priority based upon this Denmark application was improper.

Mr. Sullivan said that, upon his review of the Application, he agreed that the denial of the claim for priority was an error.

On November 20, 2007 Applicants' representative contacted Mr. Sullivan to advise that Applicants plan to abandon this Application in due course, because they will prosecute the subject matter thereof in a companion application, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/470,658. Before abandonment, they would like to correct minor informalities in the Cross-Reference to Related Applications section included in the Second Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 115 filed on July 28, 2005. The corrections identified by Applicants during that telephone interview are those made herein.

Applicants inquired if the Examiner would enter into the record such an amendment. Mr. Sullivan said that he would be able to enter the amendment into the record.

Mr. Sullivan also advised Applicants that the file of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for this application did not have the following documents:

- 1) Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.182 To Remove Portion of Preliminary Amendment From the National Phase And Accord A Separate Application Status To An Application Filed Under 35 U.S.C. §111 (a);
- 2) Second Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 in this Application;
- 3) Supplemental Preliminary Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 For New Application Under 35 U.S.C. §111 (A);
- 4) Copies of the specification and claims of PCT/DK/2003/000634, the Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115, filed March 28, 2005 and unexecuted Declaration; and
- 5) Decision on Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.182, received by Applicants' representative on August 15, 2005.

Mr. Sullivan advised Applicants that, based upon his review of the companion application (Application No. 10/470,658), it appeared all of the above documents were filed in the companion application file.

Mr. Sullivan requested that Applicants provide him with copies of those documents. Applicants enclose herewith the requested copies of the documents, and a copy of the post card date stamped by the USPTO on July 28, 2005, indicating the receipt of documents 1-4.

Entry of the Amendment

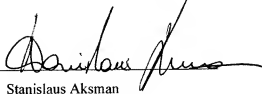
Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment set forth above into the record and issuance of the written confirmation of the entry to Applicants' representative.

Applicants believe that no fees and no petitions for extension of time are necessary in connection with this paper. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-2478 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,
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